	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/07/09	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.01
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure the existence of a process that identifies patients with chronic diseases and includes the development, implementation and annual review of clinical practice guidelines that are consistent with national practice guidelines for the medical management of these conditions.

2.0 REFERENCES AND DEFINITIONS

.1 References

- a. Hawaii Revised Statutes; Section 26-14.6, Department of Public Safety; and Section 353C-2, Director of Public Safety, Powers and Duties.
- b. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Standards for Health Services in Prisons and Jails, (2008).

.2 Definitions

- a. Chronic Disease: is an illness or a condition that affects an individual's well being for an extended period of time, usually at least 6 months, and generally is not curable but can be managed to provide optimum function within any limitations the condition imposes on the individual.
- b. Chronic Disease Program: incorporates a treatment plan and regular clinic visits. The clinician monitors the patient's progress during clinic visits and, when necessary, changes the treatment. The program also includes patient education related to the condition and symptom management.
- c. National Practice Guidelines: guidelines presented by national professional organizations and accepted experts on the respective medical field.
- d. Clinical Practice Guidelines: systematically developed, science based statements designed to assist the practitioner and patient with decisions About appropriate health care for specific clinical circumstances. These guidelines are used to assist in clinical decision making, assess and assure the quality of care, educate individuals and groups about clinical disease, guide the allocation of health care resources and reduce the risk of legal liability.

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3.0 POLICY

Patients with chronic diseases shall be identified and enrolled in a chronic disease program that through scheduled care fosters a decrease in severity and frequency of symptoms, the prevention of disease progression and improved function.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 The Medical Director establishes and annually approves clinical protocols for chronic and preventive disease management consistent with national clinical practice guidelines. These clinical protocols shall include those conditions with statistically significant occurrence rates (equal to or above national correctional occurrence rates) or are of specific interest to Hawaii health care practice and shall include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Asthma and COPD,
 - b. Diabetes,
 - c. Hypertension,
 - d. Hepatitis C,
 - e. Preventive services
 - f. Seizure disorders,
 - g. Major Mental Illnesses.

- .2 Documentation in the medical record confirms clinicians are following disease protocols through the:
 - a. Use of the Initial Visit and Follow-up Visit Chronic Care Clinic forms Doc 0442 and 0442-B,
 - b. Adjusting of treatment modalities as clinically indicated,
 - c. Indication of the type and frequency of diagnostic testing and therapeutic regimes,
 - d. Determination of the frequency of follow-up medical evaluations,

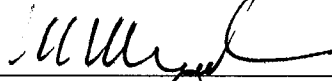
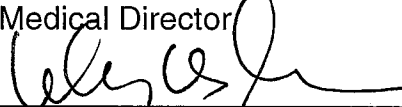

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- e. Writing of appropriate instructions for diet, exercise, adoption to the correctional environment, and medication,
- f. Clinical justification for any deviation from the protocol.
- .3 All chronic conditions are listed on the Health Maintenance Summary, DOC 0478.
- .4 Each facility shall maintain a list of chronic care patients.
- .5 The management of chronic care patients shall be monitored through the CQI process.

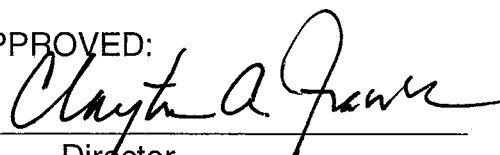
5.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedures applies to all branch facilities and their assigned personnel.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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Medical Director	Date
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Health Care Division Administrator	Date
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Deputy Director for Corrections	Date

APPROVED:


Director
1/7/09
Date